



APPALLING EXPLOSION

West Virginia Colliery Scene of Disaster.

400 LIVES ARE LOST

Terrible Disaster to Miners from Explosion of Black Damp.

BODIES ARE BEING RECOVERED

Little Hope Held Out That Any of the 400 Men in the Mines Were Saved—Rescuing Parties Working Against Odds.

MONONGAH, W. Va., Dec. 6.—Three charred bodies lying in an improvised morgue, four badly injured men and about 380 men imprisoned by tons of coal, rock and mine debris, in the depths of the hills surrounding this town, with the chances all against a single one being alive, is the most accurate summary obtainable tonight as a result of the mine explosion today which in all probability is attended with greater loss of life than any former disaster in the history of bituminous coal mining industry of America.

The explosion occurred shortly after 10 o'clock this morning after nearly the full force of 500 men had gone to work in the two mines affected, numbers six and eight of the Consolidated Coal Company. The finding of three bodies of the four dying is the only reward of strenuous, uninterrupted work on the part of the large rescuing forces which immediately went working from every point possible. An immense cave-in blocks the entrance to number six, not more than a few hundred feet beyond the main opening, and it is believed hundreds of men were caught back of the cave-in and could not have survived more than a few minutes in the deadly gases with which the entry was filled as soon as the ventilating system was interrupted. There is some hope for the miners in the more remote parts of the mines but at best the most slender hope is entertained for the survival of any of the men, when the debris can be cleared away and communication with the outside re-established.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 6.—Late tonight a list of the employees at the mines, number six and eight, at Monongah was checked off showing 390 in the two mines when the explosion occurred. Of these six were brought to the surface dead and five escaped through airshafts. They are in the hospital in a precarious condition. The indications are that the majority, if not all, caught in the mine, are dead.

MONONGAH, W. Va., Dec. 6.—Five rescuing parties, ten men in each party, are working like Trojans in different parts of the two mines. Work is delayed owing to the accumulation of gases. Much speculation is rife as to the cause of the explosion but it is a generally accepted theory that it resulted from black damp, following the blow out of a blast.

Clarence W. Watson, president of the Consolidated Coal Company, stated late tonight there is no doubt 400 lives are lost.

Six bodies were taken from number 6 up to midnight and 65 others are piled up in the entry awaiting removal to the surface. From mine number 8 at the same hour 14 bodies had been brought out and a number of others were ready to be brought to the surface.

PROHIBIT MARGINS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The Ellis bill, drafted by Fulton and introduced at his request, to prevent dealing in corporation stocks on a margin, provides a tax of 5 cents on each dollar face value of stocks bought or sold, unless actual delivery is made. Ellis and Fulton believe that such tax is sufficient to absolutely prohibit margin speculation. The measure is popular among many members of the House. Fulton said he would press the bill at the first opportunity before the committee and later in the Senate if a favorable report is obtained from the committee.

HOKE SMITH WILL SPEAK

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—For perhaps the first time in the history of Chicago, a Southern governor has been invited to address a mass meeting, in support of a local reform.

Hoke Smith, governor of Georgia, and secretary of the Interior in Cleveland's administration, was yesterday invited to aid in the Chicago Law and Order League's crusade against Sunday saloons.

Y. M. C. A. AT ALBANY.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 6.—The interstate Young Men's Christian Association of Oregon and Idaho convened here today with 110 delegates. There will be a three days' session. Joseph H. Albert is temporary chairman and W. C. Moore of Portland is temporary secretary.

FINALLY RETURNS

Appears at Goldfield Law Office Badly Disfigured.

SERIOUSLY BEATEN BY THUGS

Herbert Belford, Son of a Denver Jurist, Set Upon and Left For Dead, Returns to Goldfield With Face so Disfigured as to be Hardly Recognized.

GOLDFIELD, Dec. 6.—Herbert Belford, son of Judge Belford, of Denver, appeared today at the office of the legal department of the Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company with his face so badly disfigured as to be hardly recognized. His nose was broken, upper teeth knocked out, and several ribs broken. He claims he was taken from a saloon by a man wearing a star and led through a dark, lonely district supposedly on the way to jail and was set upon by thugs who left him for dead. He was found and taken to the hospital. Belford was missed by his friends who supposed him out of town. The assault occurred last Saturday night. Belford has been accused of "scabbing" at Cripple Creek and was too friendly with detectives in Goldfield. A friend of Belford, named Greenlee, who had been threatened, is missing, though his room is undisturbed. Belford says he is either killed or has departed.

JURY IS COMPLETE.

Personnel of the Talesmen Who Will Try Pettibone.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 6.—The jury to hear the case against Pettibone was completed late today. The personnel of the jury is as follows: J. H. Frazier, aged 25, student; E. L. Vans, 38, farmer; A. A. Tillotson, 29, merchant; W. A. Palmer, 40, liveryman; William Stahl, 69, prospector; Newton Carper, 36, carpenter; Joseph Singer, 48, placer miner; A. C. Root, 52, printer; Charles Willmot, 45, farmer; Arthur Estes, 38, farmer; C. R. Smead, 29, liveryman; J. H. Garrecht, 40, butcher. Both Darrow for the defense, and Hawley for the prosecution expressed satisfaction with the jury selected. Six days were consumed in panelling and 80 talesmen furnished. The opening statement for the state will be made Monday morning by Hawley. The taking of evidence will begin Monday afternoon. Orchard will probably take the stand on Tuesday.

LAYS BLAME ON HAYWOOD

Present Trouble Due to His Activity.

MINERS REFUSE CHECKS

Mine Owners Will no Longer Submit to the Union Dictators.

FEDERATION WILL CONSIDER

Meeting Called at Denver to Consider Goldfield Situation—Miners Claim There is no Reason to Send Troops to Peaceful Community.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 6.—M. J. Monnett, president of the Los Angeles-Nevada Mining Exchange, and one of the big operators of Goldfield, in an interview today laid the whole blame for the present situation in Goldfield upon William D. Haywood. Mr. Monnett is quoted as follows: "All of the present trouble at Goldfield is due to the activity of William D. Haywood, secretary-treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners. It was due solely to his influence that the Miners Union there refused to accept checks on the Goldfield banks in part payment of their wages some time ago and at a meeting of the miners urged them to refuse these checks."

"I am satisfied that 75 per cent of the members of the union were not in sympathy with him in this move but they seemed to be so thoroughly under the control of a few leaders they have been afraid to take independent action. Many of these men are anxious to return to work, and in my opinion there will either be a split in the union in Goldfield or the open-shop rule will prevail in all the large mines there. The Mine-owners' Association is determined that it will no longer submit to the arbitrary dictation of a few union agitators."

DENVER, Dec. 6.—A meeting of the executive committee of the Western Federation of Miners has been called to consider the Goldfield situation. Secretary W. D. Haywood, discussing the action of President Roosevelt in sending federal troops to Goldfield, says: "Conditions in Goldfield are as peaceful as they are here. There has been no violence of any sort. This is the first instance where cashiers' checks have been backed up by regular troops. There is not the slightest necessity for sending soldiers to Nevada. Not a dollar's worth of property is in danger from our members and the only possible use for soldiers will be to inaugurate a reign of terror with the ultimate purpose of reducing wages. The sending of federal troops to a peaceful community to take away from the worker his right to strike against a reduction of wages is a most daring exhibition of the length to which capitalism will go to insure its domination over the working class."

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—At a special meeting of the Theatrical Managers Association yesterday, it was decided that all theatres will remain closed on Sunday and that no test case of Justice O'Gorman's construction of the Sabbath entertainment law was to be made. Earlier in the day Police Commissioner Bingham announced that not in regard to play houses alone, but in every other respect, next Sunday would be the tightest in New York's history.

WILL OCCUPY BUILDINGS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—The theatres of San Francisco with the exception of the Empire, will be permitted to run in the buildings occupied by them until January, 1910, after they have made the alterations ordered by the fire committee of the supervisors. This decision was arrived at yesterday at a conference between Mayor Taylor, the chiefs of the police and fire departments and members of the board of supervisors.

CANAL BONDS BID.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The Secretary of the Treasury has accepted bids for Panama Canal bonds to the amount of \$25,000,000. The average price of all bids was 103. Allotments will be confined to small subscriptions from \$10,000 down to \$20.

WINS AT LONG ODDS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—Edith R. making her first start, won the second race at Emeryville today. She was a 100-to-1 shot.

PASSES SENATE.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 6.—The "Jim Crow" bill passed the Senate today. It becomes effective 60 days after the Governor signs.

MUCH GOLD FROM ABROAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The total engagements of gold from abroad are \$91,000,000.

Another view of the financial question. Europe—You've got all my gold! Now, how am I going to have money enough to buy your crops, or take the output of your factories and packing-houses?

EXCITEMENT IS INTENSE

Goldfield Aroused Over Coming of Troops.

MINERS MAKE BOASTS

No Demonstration is Made But Crowds Gather Near Union Headquarters.

OFFICIALS SIGN PROTEST

Various County Officers and Members of Legislature Make Protest Against the Coming of Troops—Governor Goes to Reno to Meet Troops

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—Five companies of the 22nd infantry, stationed at Fort McDowell, of this city, and four companies of the same regiment at Monterey, were despatched to Goldfield today by Brigadier-General Funston, commanding the Department of California, in compliance with orders from the War Department late last night. The troops were ordered into the big mining camp by Roosevelt in response to the appeal of Governor John Sparks, of Nevada, who apprehends serious trouble as the result of the strike of miners and attempt to open the mines with non-union labor. The San Francisco troops were delayed two hours as the result of a freight wreck near Davisville. Wire communications with Goldfield are interrupted by a storm, but it is reported good order prevails.

Rations were taken for 30 days. The troops are supplied with Sibley shelter tents. Each soldier is provided with 290 rounds of ammunition.

GOLDFIELD, Dec. 6.—Intense but suppressed excitement is manifest in Goldfield today over the expected arrival of the troops at Goldfield camp tomorrow. The miners' union was well filled all day and crowds gathered about. No demonstration was made to speak of, though some excitement was caused by hot-heads boasting of what they would do when the troops arrive. The miners thought the talk of troops was a bluff and are unprepared for the actuality of their coming. Sheriff Ingalls and his force are disgruntled at their coming. The sheriff disappeared this afternoon and his whereabouts is unknown. The mine owners' association with being too friendly to the miners. He is one of the owners of the largest saloon and gambling houses in Goldfield which is largely patronized by miners. Last spring, during the strike, hundreds of miners were sworn as deputy sheriffs and armed. It is because of this mistrust the mine owners appealed to the Governor direct. It is reported that a permanent garrison will be established at Goldfield.

Governor Meets Troops. CARSON CITY, Dec. 6.—Governor Sparks departed this afternoon for Reno in an automobile in a blinding snowstorm to meet Colonel Alfred Reynolds with Federal troops bound for Goldfield.

Later.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 6.—A train with troops passed through here at midnight.

Dynamite Electric Power.

GOLDFIELD, Dec. 6.—Dynamiters yesterday attempted to wreck the electric power line that furnishes light and power to Goldfield. The fact that the dynamite froze saved a disaster.

Sign Protest.

GOLDFIELD, Dec. 6.—Various county officers and members of the state legislature signed a protest to the Governor against the coming of the troops as unnecessary.

WORRIED OVER FLURRY.

Dead Actress Had Funds in Closed Banks. NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Friends of Clara Bloodgood, the actress, who killed herself at Baltimore, state that she had somewhat worried over the financial flurry in New York, although they do not believe that this worry had enough effect on her mind to cause her to kill herself. It is said that a large sum of money recently left to her by relatives was deposited in one of the banks which recently closed its doors. Intimate friends state that the sum tied up in the bank is at least \$250,000.

MANY BURGLARS.

Eastern Metropolis Overrun With House-breakers. NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—That more burglaries and robberies have occurred in New York during the last 60 days than at any other like period in the history of the city is the statement of the agents of half a dozen burglar insurance companies. It is also said that burglaries and robberies have steadily increased for several years. Last year, it is estimated the loss in the city from theft amounted to \$15,800,000, while the loss from fire was only \$9,800,000.

WILL REFUSE TO FILE

Attachment Suits After the Holidays Have Ended. PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—An agreement among the lawyers of Portland that after the holidays have ended they will refuse to file attachment suits except in emergency cases is favored by many of the leading lawyers of Portland as a means of preserving public confidence. It is conceded that to rush to the courts as soon as they open with attachment suits would have the effect of alarming the public, and that the lawyers themselves ought to do all in their power to avoid such alarms. It might also result in resort to the legal holiday plan again. It is proposed to call a meeting of the Multnomah Bar Association to discuss the matter, and adopt a resolution determining that the lawyers will not file attachments. Exceptions will be allowed in cases where the debtor is about to leave the state and where fraud enters into the transaction. In cases of doubt as to whether an attachment should be filed, the matter should be decided by a committee of disinterested lawyers.

Every attorney who was seen this morning admitted the wisdom of the plan, and all were willing to follow the suggestion.

RIFLED OF VALUABLES.

Burglars Break Into Swift's House and Take Plate. CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Burglars broke into the mansion of Herbert L. Swift yesterday and rifled the house of jewels, family plate and other valuables, the price of which has not yet been estimated. Listed in the articles taken was the family plate, cut-glass and silver that has been a most valued heirloom of Mrs. Swift for years.

It is believed by the police that Mr. Swift's loss will be much larger than he was willing to state, and that there was much else beside the silver plate taken. He refused to say last night whether any of Mrs. Swift's diamonds had been secured by the robbers, but neither did he deny that such was the case.



ANOTHER VIEW OF THE FINANCIAL QUESTION. Europe—You've got all my gold! Now, how am I going to have money enough to buy your crops, or take the output of your factories and packing-houses?